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Ministry

The City Missionary Society
of the Metropolitan Bos-
ton Association of Christ, which brings
and service in an expanding

The Society has been an auton-
omous Congregational Churches
in political Boston. In its
history from strong congregations
religious instruction to the
poor were recognized, City Mis-
sionary is a private welfare agency. Its
ministry advises family case work in a

dozen communities, where help is given to hundreds of families
each year.

Today we must play a new role in the social revolution
which is felt in every urban community. This revolution has
particular meaning to us as we live and work in and around
Boston. As "a recognized instrumentality" of the Metropolitan
Boston Association our ministry is to the suburbs as well as to
the inner city. We seek to bring to all the churches of the Metro-

politan Boston Association an awareness of human needs in ne-
glected areas, and to lead them into avenues of Christian service
where problems are most pressing. People in need, particularly
those who are unattached and rootless, young and old—these
are of special concern to us. To them we would extend the
church's ministry of love and acceptance.

Through social work activities, in educational and camp-
ing programs, and through the services of hundreds of volun-
teers the Society has touched the lives of thousands in the past
year. These pages offer a partial account of our stewardship.

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Executive Secretary

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Social Services

Several new projects were undertaken in 1964. In one of these, Volunteer Visitor Service, directed by Mrs. William Voelkel in Washington Park, Roxbury, fifteen volunteers have been visiting an equal number of families recommended for special attention by the Boston Redevelopment Authority. They have established neighbor to neighbor relationships with these families and they seek to aid them in the development of home management skills, and in making adjustments to life in new housing or in rehabilitated housing. In the accompanying photo Mrs. Voelkel (left) confers with Mrs. John Bush, of Needham, about the family Mrs. Bush visits.

A paragraph from Mrs. Voelkel's report indicates something of the scope of this program: "Assistance is offered in budgeting, food planning, health clinic appointments, and in finding appropriate services for needs which arise. Underlying all these efforts is the volunteer's ability to show to the family warmth, interest, and a real desire to get acquainted. The long range goal is that the family may improve its functioning in some of its problem areas. Volunteers commit themselves to at least one year of work with a family."

Mrs. Voelkel and Mr. Horace M. Besecker, Jr., Director of Social Services, are in constant touch with Boston Redevelopment Authority workers in this program.

City of Boston Health and Welfare Areas

Ten missionary social workers have their headquarters in churches in six of Boston's fifteen Health and Welfare Areas. They give emergency services to persons and families referred by pastors, other social agencies, and neighbors.

SOME STATISTICS:

Number of active cases—557

Number of cases closed—59

New cases in 1964—134

Visits made by social workers—8900

Contacts with other social agencies—1156

LEGEND:

1. Brighton Congregational—Mrs. Harriett Elliott
2. Highland Church, Roxbury—Miss Marion Fowler
3. Eliot Church Roxbury—William A. Kennedy
4. Eliot Church, Roxbury—Mrs. William Voelkel
5. Blue Hill Christian Center—Robert Brenning
6. Central Congregational, Jamaica Plain — Miss Geraldine Woodbury
7. Boylston Church, Jamaica Plain, Miss Woodbury
8. Phillips Congregational, So. Boston—Miss Helena Hanson
9. Fourth Presbyterian, So. Boston—Miss Hanson
10. First Church, Charlestown—Mrs. E. Gardner
11. Pilgrim Church, Dorchester—Miss Lois Rideout
12. Second Church, Dorchester—Miss Mae Durkee

Christian Education

Another pioneer project, FUNMOBILE, supervised by Miss Lillian Moeschler, Consultant in Christian Education, and directed by Mr. Alan Bond, student at Andover Newton Theological School, brought happiness to hundreds of children who participated almost daily in fun programs on parking lots at Boston's largest public housing community, Columbia Point, during July and August. Attendance ran to nearly 1,000 every week. Forty-five young people from suburban towns gave 174 *weeks* of volunteer time as play leaders. A policeman, asked for an opinion about Funmobile, said, "It's a Godsend!" Authorities at Columbia Point said, "This was the quietest summer we've known here in years."

A news reporter commented: "We remember the hundreds of youngsters who benefitted all summer from the Funmobile of the Boston City Missionary Society manned by one seminarian and dozens of volunteer college and high school students. Nobody talked about Christ or God—but nobody doubted that His spirit was there."

Scores of others made Funmobile possible. A layman in Milton donated a panel truck; members of "Forum" in the First Congregational Church in Winchester painted it; women of the Hancock Church in Lexington made a generous gift for operating expenses; other groups gave additional money and much play equipment.





The Committee on Christian Education worked closely with Metropolitan Boston Association leaders, directed eight institutes for leaders in inner city churches, and continued with its regular consultative programs in churches needing help with leadership education courses. The committee also sponsored two other projects which could be labelled "Education for Mission."

One of these was FRIENDLY TOWN, a program initiated three years ago. This year it provided opportunities for 140 children from deprived inner city communities to have two-

week vacations in the country. 140 children enjoyed the country; 99 host families and their neighbors in 18 towns learned much from their guests about problems in crowded inner city homes.

The second Education for Mission project was a series of "Seminars on Wheels," in which more than 300 leaders in suburban churches participated. The seminars took small groups in cars or buses through urban renewal areas, and provided discussions with pastors and laymen engaged in significant aspects of the Urban Revolution. Places visited included public housing projects, the Blue Hill Christian Center, and Marksdale Garden. At the last named place, in the middle of the Washington Park renewal development, St. Mark Congregational Church has pioneered in the establishment of attractive garden apartments which have received nationwide attention.





Summer Camps

For many years City Missionary Society has sponsored camping programs for young and old. Since 1924 Andover and Waldron Camps have served girls and boys at Meredith, New Hampshire, on a 300 acre site along Lake Winnisquam. Camp Director Richard K. Chamberlain reports that the 1964 season was the best in years. An examination by the Standards Committee of the American Camping Association during the season gave us a high rating: we scored approximately 1530 points, out of a possible 1555 (a passing grade is 1100).

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Forestry Work Campers

Once more we were aided by the Bureau of Specialized Ministries of the United Church of Christ, which sent us a team of eight high school students for a month's volunteer service in a Forestry Work Camp. They did excellent work under the direction of Reverend and Mrs. Paul Baumer, who came with their children from Bryan, Texas, for this work.

386 campers spent 1032 camper weeks at Andover-Waldron. Fifty boys and 70 girls were given City Missionary Society camperships; social agencies provided expense money for 28 others. Through swimming, boating, hiking, and other camping activities, campers and staff shared in memorable experiences.

A blind girl, Linda, sent to camp by the Easter Seal Society, found that there were many things she could do by herself. She started to overcome her fear of water; learned how to walk unaided through much of the camp; learned some of the fundamentals of bedmaking and use of silverware; and above all, participated in the love, concern, and rough and tumble of a cabin group. At first her cabin mates were oversolicitous; then hostile because of this "burden"—and finally did some growing themselves in this new situation. As a result of her adaptation to camp life she was admitted this fall to Perkins Institute.

Savage Lodge, given by Mrs. Willard Savage, of Wellesley, was used for the first time as Andover Camp Headquarters. We are indebted also to the Charles W. Hayden Fund, and to the Godfrey M. Hyams Trust for grants which made possible much needed road improvements in Waldron Camp, and valuable improvements in several buildings.



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Meadowcrest, a camp for senior citizens, gave 47 elderly women 9-day vacations at Farrington Memorial in Lincoln. Mrs. Beatrice Nelson, retired missionary social worker, came from Ottawa, Canada, to direct the program.

Family Camp served 22 parents and 62 children; Rosemary was attended by 17 mothers and 52 young children. Enrollment in the Family-Rosemary Camps was much lower than we had anticipated. Directors of the program were Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Vance, of William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.



Voluntarism

A partial report of services given by volunteers under the guidance of Mrs. Horace M. Besecker, Jr., Director of Voluntarism:

- 26 persons made weekly visits to nursing homes
- 12 men were regular visitors to men at the Walpole Prison
- 23 persons were secured for tutoring and literacy programs
- 1200 hours of labor were given in service programs at Andover-Waldron Camps, at Farrington Memorial, and in other places
- 68 churches donated food at Thanksgiving, and Pilgrim Fellowship groups gave 360 hours of labor in sorting articles
- 154 churches and groups shared Christmas gifts, and volunteers helped missionary social workers to distribute them
- 45 young people gave 174 weeks as play leaders in Fun-mobile program
- \$2234 was the net return on the May Auction, in which many groups and individuals were very helpful. This money was used to aid families attend Camp Rosemary. (See accompanying picture of auction crowd.)

Playground Development—the picture on the upper right shows part of a playground at the New Life Presbyterian Church in Roxbury. The playground was made possible by the enthusiasm and labors of the Pilgrim Fellowship group of the First Congregational Church in Melrose. These young people provided funds for the project, and encouraged others to do so. They also worked with a youth group in the New Life congregation in redecorating the church's fellowship hall.



Summary of Financial Transactions For the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 1964

CASH RECEIVED:

Income from pooled investments	\$60,826.84	
Contributions from:		
Churches, for all purposes	47,615.87	
Individuals, for all purposes	23,355.33	
Trust funds and foundations, designated for use in social services, for im-		
provements in camp property, and for camperships	17,291.37	
Campers' fees, tuitions, insurance, etc.	26,477.08	
Legacies received:		
General, unrestricted	42,901.86	
Fresh Air, restricted	5,000.00	
Annuity fund received	1,000.00	
<i>Total cash received</i>		\$224,468.35
Cash balance at beginning of year (November 1, 1963)		5,741.07
Appropriation from "unrestricted" invested funds		29,538.46
<i>Total cash after appropriation</i>		<u>\$259,747.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

All salaries (except camping program)	\$93,252.57	
General expenses: rent, equipment, travel, publicity, telephone, postage, insur-		
ance, annuity premiums, etc.	35,353.09	
Camps Andover-Waldron	56,787.43*	
Camps Rosemary and Meadowcrest	7,301.10	
Material relief—for emergency needs	10,669.31**	
<i>Total actual cash expenditures</i>		\$203,363.50
Transfer of legacies to—		
Funds for General work of Society	\$42,901.86	
Restricted funds for Fresh Air work	5,000.00	
Annuity fund invested (Annuity Fund Program)	1,000.00	48,901.86
Income transferred to principal (restricted funds)		15.39
<i>Total disbursements and transfers</i>		\$252,280.75
Cash balance at October 31, 1964		7,467.13
<i>Total</i>		<u>\$259,747.88</u>

*This amount includes \$11,816.14 expended for property improvements: road work, new building construction, repairs, etc. Money for these purposes was provided by special gifts from trust funds and individuals.

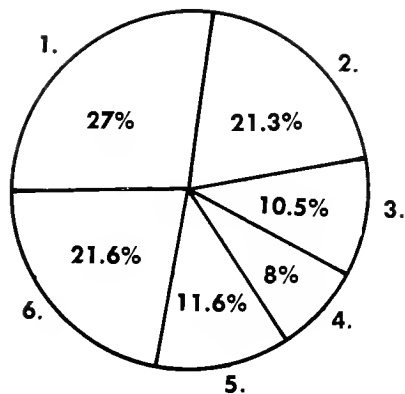
**Special grants from trust funds provided for \$3,199.50 of this amount.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Mr. William E. Jones, City Missionary Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

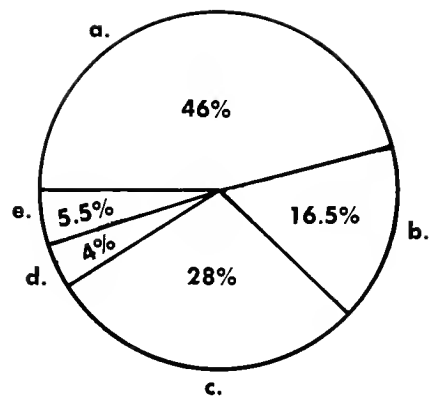
We hereby CERTIFY that we have examined the accounts of the City Missionary Society for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1964, and, in our opinion, the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of the Society at October 31, 1964, and the receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, so far as we are able to determine from the books of account.

Arthur F. Wilband Co., Accountants and Auditors, Boston, Mass., December 7, 1964.



Sources of New Income:

1. Interest on investments
2. Church contributions
3. Gifts of individuals
4. Trust funds
5. Campers' fees
6. Legacies and Conditional Gift



Percentage Distribution of Disbursements for Operating Expenses:

- a. Salaries
- b. General expenses
- c. Camps Andover-Waldron
- d. Family-Meadowcrest-Rosemary Camps
- e. Relief work

Appreciation

The records of the Society indicate that financial support for our work in 1963-64 came from 161 churches, from 582 individuals and from several charitable funds and foundations. In addition to money gifts numerous groups gave food and clothing which were distributed to needy families by our social workers. We are grateful to all contributors for their support.

Additional funds are needed to meet increasing appeals for assistance, growing operating expenses, and the challenges that come to us through the new program of the Metropolitan Boston Association. It will be seen that last year's costs were \$29,538 in excess of contributions and earned income. The budget adopted for 1964-65 calls for \$227,605. This amount is \$52,000 more than we received in contributions last year! Increased grants from churches and interested friends are greatly needed to enable us to respond more fully to the challenge of these days.

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I give and bequeath to the
City Missionary Society of Bos-
ton, incorporated under the
laws of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, the sum of_____

dollars, to be applied to the
uses and general purposes of
the Society.

The City Missionary Society, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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